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SUBJECT: GATT - SPANISH MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF PULP

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1. AT LAST TWO GATT COUNCIL MEETINGS SWEDISH DEL,
SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF NORDIC COUNTRIES, HAS QUESTIONED SPANISH
RESTRAINTS ON IMPORTS OF PULP. SPANISH DEL HAS
CLAIMED THAT THERE ARE NO OFFICIAL QRS ON IMPORTS OF
PULP, ALTHOUGH HE HAS ADMITTED THAT SPANISH PULP AND
PAPER PRODUCERS HAVE MUTUALLY AGREED TO LIMIT SUCH
IMPORTS. AT JULY 24 GATT COUNCIL MEETING (REFTEL)
SWEDISH DEL INDICATED NORDICS MAY ASK FOR CONSULTATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE XXII OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT. AT BOTH
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JULY 24 AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING, U.S. EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN MATTER AS A SUBSTANTIAL SUPPLIER OF PULP
TO SPAIN. SWEDISH DEL HAS NOW APPROACHED US TO INQUIRE
IF U.S. IS INTERESTED IN JOINING IN ARTICLE XXII CONSULTA-
TIONS WITH GOS WHICH NORDIC COUNTRIES WILL REQUEST.
NORDICS HAVE ALSO APPROACHED OTHER MAIN SUPPLIER, CANADA,
BUT CANADIAN DEL HAS NO INDICATION YET OF GOC INTENTIONS.

2. PROCEDURE OF JOINING IN ARTICLE XXII CONSULTATIONS IS EXPLAINED IN BISD 7, PAGE 24, AND WAS LAST USED, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, WHEN SEVERAL CPS JOINED US IN ARTICLE XXII CONSULTATIONS ON RULES OF ORIGIN WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES. IN VIEW OF U.S. TRADE INTEREST, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO JOIN IN ARTICLE XXII CONSULTATIONS WITH GOS AS REQUESTED BY SWEDISH DEL. VANDEN HEUVEL

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